

## **ABSTRACT**

5       A media content distribution system for distributed multimedia streaming  
communicates over a network and incorporates multiple independent media stations, each  
having a media director for control and a number of media engines for storage, retrieval  
and streaming of media content. A content request from a media console connected to the  
network is redirected by the media director to a selected one of the media engines storing  
10      content corresponding to the request for streaming. The system includes at least one  
distribution center providing media content downloading capability and a media location  
registry communicating with the media director in each media station. The media  
location registry stores the location of all media content in the media stations.